

Northampton Council on Aging Meeting

Thursday, July 20, 2023 5:00 pm

In Person & Virtual:

Online Zoom Teleconference Meeting:

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COA Minutes

Call to Order: Cindy Langley called the meeting to order @ 5:01 pm

Present: Kim Park, Laura Scott, Robert Dionne, Gerriann Butler, Michael Ford, Anne “Val” Romano, Jean Henry Hoose Adrienne Andrews & Cynthia Langley

Absent: Mark Bird

Review minutes & approve June minutes:

- A motion was made to accept the minutes with the correction by Michael Ford & 2nd by Robert Dionne

Director’s Report:

- Building updates: UV film has been added to the fitness center windows. We will monitor fitness center users’ impression of the film to see about possibly using it elsewhere in the building. The new window replacements will begin late Aug/early Sept.
- In June, we held 78 orientations with 45 new members and 33 returning members. We provided 530 lunches during that same time period and averaged 170 per day coming into the center.

- Tech support has been provided to our members by NHS students in July & again in August. People have been very happy with the help that they have received through this program.
- We have a new YMCA fitness class “Strong & Steady” geared towards fitness center members to help optimize their training workout.
- On Friday mornings from 9:30-11:30, we have musical entertainment in the Bistro “Conz St Rock & Roll”. All are invited to join this group of music enthusiasts and bring your favorite CDs
- On July 28th, we will hold an ice cream social sponsored by Friends of the Northampton Senior Center.
- We are planning a Sweet 16 anniversary party for the Senior Center in September. The team has been coming up with ideas on this event.
- Also in September, the Senior Center will once again be participating in Northampton Neighbor’s Doozy Doo Parade. Cindy mentioned coming up with a theme for the marchers.
- August 8th, Police Chief Jody Kasper will be here for our Lunch & Learn series from 12:15-1:15.
- Our Media & Marketing Coordinator, Megan Knight, continues to make changes to our website & social media in the efforts to make it more user friendly.

Old Business:

- The updated Member Guide has been accepted. Gerriann Butler made a motion to approve the Member guide & Bob Dionne seconded it. The vote was unanimous.
 - Document used for the discussion was the updated NCOA Member Guide Role and Responsibilities

New Business:

- The board welcomed Adrienne Andrews as a new member. Adrienne has a long history in the Northampton area through her work at Smith College.
- Mark Bird, who could not attend the meeting, has also joined the COA.
- Kim provided copies for review of the COA welcome packet that is distributed by the City Clerk. New members received this information and all members received this information in the appointment process
 - Code of Conduct and Responsibilities
 - Open Meeting Law Guide and Educational materials
 - Summary of the Conflict of Interest Law for Municipal Employees
- Kim was asked to email the City’s Administrative Code to all the COA members.

Next meeting moved to August 10th @ 5:00 pm (hybrid)

Adjournment: Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Bob Dionne and 2nd by Michael Ford

Meeting adjourned @ 5:50 pm